

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A magnetic tape comprising:

a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another at a plurality of spaced-apart connection areas, the connection of the flexible strips forming a unit, the ~~flexible strips unit~~ defining a pocket positioned between each one of the connection areas, a first part of the unit being separable from a second part of the unit, each one of the connection areas:

(a) having a plurality of regions; and
(b) being separable along a separation line between the regions, the separation of the regions operable to separate the first part from the second part; and, the unit having a plurality of magnets, at least one of the magnets being housed within each one of ~~respective of the a plurality of the pockets, the magnets being movable within the pockets and spaced longitudinally along the flexible strips unit in one or more rows, each of the magnets having a first side associated with a first polarity and a second side associated with a second polarity, the magnets being oriented such that: (i) the first sides of the magnets are adjacent to one of the flexible strips; and (ii) the second sides of the magnets are adjacent to the other flexible strip, the magnets being operable to provide the flexible strips unit with a plurality of detachable magnetic connection-regions enabling the first part of the unit to be: a detachable connection between:~~

~~(ax) at least one of the detachable connection regions of one of the flexible strips magnetically attached to itself after the first part is separated from the second part; or and~~

~~(by) magnetically attached to an object after the first part is separated from the second part. at least one of the detachable connection regions of the other flexible strip so as to form a closed loop.~~

Claim 2 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the pair of flexible strips are directly bonded to one another.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The magnetic tape of claim 2, wherein the unit has a flexibility enabling the unit to have a roll form. ~~pair of flexible strips are welded to one another.~~

Claim 4 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the flexible strips are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein: ~~the magnets are each disc-shaped.~~ (a) the unit has a length; (b) the magnets are uniformly positioned along the length of the unit; (c) the unit is cuttable along the separation line; and (d) the separation line is straight or has at least one curve.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The magnetic tape of claim 1, which includes a roll formed through arrangement of the unit in a roll form in which the assembly has overlapping portions. ~~wherein the magnets are rare earth magnets.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the first part of the unit has a configuration and flexibility enabling the first part to be: (a) magnetically attached to itself in a closed loop form after the first part is separated from the second part if the first part is attached to itself; and (b) magnetically attached to an object after the first part is separated from the second part if the first part is attached to the object instead of being attached to itself. ~~connection areas have a flexible characteristic enabling formation of the closed loop.~~

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The magnet tape of Claim 1, comprising at least one means for carrying an article, the means being connectable to the first part after the first part is separated from the second part.

Claim 10-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A flexible securing device comprising:

a plurality of sides;

a plurality of connectors connecting the sides together at a plurality of flexible connection regions, the connected sides forming an assembly having a designated length, the connection of the sides to one another forming the assembly defining a plurality of pockets, each one of the pockets being positioned between a plurality of the flexible connection regions, the flexible securing device assembly being flexible between: (a) a first position in which the flexible securing device assembly has a non-loop configuration; and (b) a second position in which the flexible securing device assembly has a loop configuration; ~~and~~, the assembly being separable into:

_____ (a) a reservable part having a plurality of the flexible connection regions; and

_____ (b) a retrievable part having a plurality of flexible connection regions, each one of the flexible connection regions of the assembly: (i) having a plurality of areas; and (ii) being separable along a separation line between the areas, the separation of a plurality of the areas operable to separate the reservable part of the assembly from the retrievable part of the assembly, the assembly having: a plurality of magnetic members, each one of the magnetic members having a positive polarity side and a negative polarity side, the magnetic members being positioned within the pockets so that:

(ax) the positive polarity sides are adjacent to one of the sides of the assembly flexible securing device; and

(by) the negative polarity sides are adjacent to another one of the sides of the assembly; and flexible securing device

_____ (z) the retrievable part of the assembly is: (i) magnetically attachable to itself after the retrievable part is separated from the reservable part; or (ii) magnetically attachable to an object after the retrievable part is separated from the reservable part.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein: (a) the magnetic members are uniformly positioned ~~between~~ along the length of the assembly~~the plurality of flexible connection regions~~; (b) the assembly is cuttable along the separation line; and (c) the separation line is straight or has at least one curve.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein the assembly has a flexibility enabling the assembly to have a roll form in which a plurality of portions of the assembly are overlapping~~plurality of sides are portions of a continuous strip~~.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein the plurality of sides are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material~~retrieved portion of the assembly has a configuration and flexibility enabling the retrievable part to be: (a) magnetically attached to itself in a closed loop form after the retrievable part is separated from the reservable part if the retrievable part is attached to itself; and (b) magnetically attached to an object after the retrievable part is separated from the reservable part if the retrievable part is attached to the object instead of being attached to itself~~.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The flexible securing device of claim 19, including means for carrying an article, the means being connectable to the retrievable part after the retrievable part is separated from the reservable part.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A roll of a flexible device, the roll comprising:
a first side; ~~having an interior surface and an exterior surface;~~
a second side; ~~having an interior surface and an exterior surface;~~
a plurality of connectors connecting the ~~interior surfaces of the first side to and the~~
second side ~~to one another~~ at a plurality of spaced-apart connection regions, the connection of
the first side to the second side forming an assembly configurable in a roll form, the assembly
having a designated length, the assembly defining the flexible securing device being flexible into
a closed loop shape in which the exterior surfaces of the first side and the second side are
connected to one another, the first side and the second side defining a plurality of spaces, each
one of the a spaces being positioned between each one of a plurality of the connection regions,
part of the length of the assembly being separable from another part of the assembly, the
separable part defining one or more of the spaces; and

a plurality of magnetic members, ~~each at least one~~ of the magnetic members being
positioned within each one of the spaces of the assembly, the separable part having one or more
of the magnetic members, the separable part being magnetically attachable to:

- (a) itself after the separable part is separated from the assembly; or
- (b) an object after the separable part is separated from the assembly.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The roll flexible securing device of claim 24, wherein
the magnetic members are uniformly positioned along the length of the assembly. between the
plurality of flexible connection regions.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The flexible securing device roll of claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein
(a) the assembly is cuttable along a line within each one of the connection regions; and (b) the
line is straight or has at least one curve. the plurality of sides are portions of a continuous strip.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The flexible securing device roll of claim 24, including
means for carrying an article, the means being connectable to the separable part after the
separable part is separated from the assembly.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The ~~flexible securing device~~ roll of claim 24, including a rust reduction substance operable to reduce rusting of the magnets.